

AGENDA MEMO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: MARCH 21, 2007

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

ITEM DESCRIPTION: VAR-19447 - APPLICANT/OWNER: KRYFAM, LP

**** CONDITIONS ****

Staff recommends DENIAL. The Planning Commission (4-1/sd-1/rt vote) recommends APPROVAL, subject to:

Planning and Development

1. Approval of and conformance to the Conditions of Approval for Special Use Permit (SUP-19100) and Site Development Plan Review (SDR-19097) shall be required.
2. This approval shall be void two years from the date of final approval, unless a certificate of occupancy has been issued or upon approval of a final inspection. An Extension of Time may be filed for consideration by the City of Las Vegas.

** STAFF REPORT **

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a request for a Variance to allow a four story hotel where two stories are the maximum permitted on 1.83 acres at the southwest corner of Tenaya Way and Sky Pointe Drive.

The request does not meet the criteria for the approval of variances, as the hardship is self-created and the applicant could revise the development plan in order to comply with height requirements.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

<i>Related Relevant City Actions by P&D, Fire, Bldg., etc.</i>	
12/07/98	The City Council approved a rezoning (Z-76-98) of this site to TC (Towncenter) as part of a larger overall request.
02/22/07	The Planning Commission recommended approval of companion items VAR-19098, SUP-19100 and SDR-19097 concurrently with this application. The Planning Commission voted 4-1/sd-1/rt to recommend APPROVAL (PC Agenda Item #30/ar).
<i>Pre-Application Meeting</i>	
12/12/06	The applicant was informed that this proposal would require a waiver of the Towncenter standard which requires a minimum 330 foot separation between a hotel and any detached single-family dwelling.
<i>Neighborhood Meeting</i>	
02/12/07	A neighborhood meeting was held at the Cimarron Rose Community Center, located at 5591 North Cimarron Road.

<i>Details of Application Request</i>	
<i>Site Area</i>	
Gross Acres	1.83 acres

Surrounding Property	Existing Land Use	Planned Land Use	Existing Zoning
Subject Property	Undeveloped	TC (Towncenter)	TC-SC (Towncenter Service Commercial)
North	Convenience store	TC (Towncenter)	TC-SC (Towncenter Service Commercial)
South	Ann Road	Ann Road	Ann Road
East	Convenience store	TC (Towncenter)	TC-SC (Towncenter Service Commercial)
West	Tavern	TC (Towncenter)	TC-SC (Towncenter Service Commercial)

<i>Special Districts/Zones</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Compliance</i>
Special Area Plan			
T-C Town Center District	X		N

The proposed hotel does not comply with the Towncenter standards because it is located within 330 feet of single family detached development (considered within SUP-19100) and because it proposes a four story structure where two stories is the maximum permitted (considered within VAR-19447).

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Per the Towncenter Development Standards Manual:

<i>Standard</i>	<i>Required/Allowed</i>	<i>Provided</i>	<i>Compliance</i>
Min. Lot Size	N/A	1.83	Y
Min. Lot Width	N/A	220 Feet	Y
Min. Setbacks			
• Front	15 Feet	169 Feet	Y
• Side	10 Feet	10 Feet	Y
• Rear	20 Feet	41 Feet	Y
Max. Lot Coverage	N/A	18 %	Y
Max. Building Height	Two stories	Four stories	N*

*This issue will be considered under Variance VAR-19447.

Per Title 19.08.06, the following standards apply:

<i>Residential Adjacency Standards</i>	<i>Required/Allowed</i>	<i>Provided</i>	<i>Compliance</i>
3:1 proximity slope	205 Feet	260 Feet	Y
Adjacent development matching setback	15 Feet	260 Feet	Y
Trash Enclosure	50 Feet	440 Feet	Y

ANALYSIS

This site is currently undeveloped. The applicant proposes to develop a four story, 87 room hotel in the south portion of the site. Access to Sky Pointe Drive will be provided by two existing driveways. Landscape buffers that comply with Towncenter standards and include Rio Grande Ash, Chitalpa and assorted five gallon shrubs are provided along the appropriate property lines. Planter islands with 24 inch box Shoestring Acacia are shown within the parking lot. The elevations depict a plaster exterior with a decorative stone veneer accent. A maximum overall building height of 68 feet three inches is shown.

The Special Use Permit conditions for a hotel in the TC-SC (Towncenter-Service Commercial) require a minimum height of three stories. The development standards of the TC-SC district require structures that exceed two stories in height to be located on a parcel that is larger than 20 acres in size, and require the building to be set back at least 50 feet from all property lines. This application meets neither of these criteria and staff recommends denial.

FINDINGS

In accordance with the provisions of Title 19.18.070(B), Planning Commission and City Council, in considering the merits of a Variance request, shall not grant a Variance in order to:

1. Permit a use in a zoning district in which the use is not allowed;
2. Vary any minimum spacing requirement between uses;
3. Relieve a hardship which is solely personal, self-created or financial in nature.”

Additionally, Title 19.18.070L states:

“Where by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness, or shape of a specific piece of property at the time of enactment of the regulation, or by reason of exceptional topographic conditions or other extraordinary and exceptional situation or condition of the piece of property, the strict application of any zoning regulation would result in peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties to, or exceptional and undue hardships upon, the owner of the property, a variance from that strict application may be granted so as to relieve the difficulties or hardship, if the relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good, without substantial impairment of affected natural resources and without substantially impairing the intent and purpose of any ordinance or resolution.”

No evidence of a unique or extraordinary circumstance has been presented, in that the applicant has created a self-imposed hardship by proposing a four story structure where two stories are the maximum permitted. In view of the absence of any hardships imposed by the site’s physical characteristics, it is concluded that the applicant’s hardship is preferential in nature, and it is thereby outside the realm of NRS Chapter 278 for granting of Variances.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS NOTIFIED

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ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

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SENATE DISTRICT

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NOTICES MAILED 375 by City Clerk

APPROVALS 0

PROTESTS 0